

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed November 17, 2008, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Entry of the present amendment and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 and 12-18 remain in this application, where claim 11 had been canceled by this amendment without prejudice and claims 16-18 had been added. Claims 1, 9 and 12-14 are independent.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner objected to the specification for a certain informality. In response, the specification has been amended to remove the informality noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

In the Final Office Action, claims 9-10 and 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly directed to non-statutory subject matter. Without agreeing with the position forwarded in the Office Action, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, the specification has been amended to delete a reference to a signal

embodiment, as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of claims 9-10 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §101 has been overcome and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

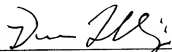
In the Final Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-8, 12-13 and 16-18 are allowed and that claims 9-10 and 14-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101. As noted above, the rejection to claims 9-10 and 14-15 under 35 U.S.C. §101 has been overcome. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-10 and 14-15 are in allowable form, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action mailed on November 17, 2008

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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